

UNNECESSARY NEAR-MISSES

Traffic Safety and Construction Vehicles

By Chair of the Traffic Safety Committee Bruce Penn

We've had a series of incidents at BNL in which personal vehicles were coming too close to large construction vehicles. This puts everyone involved at great risk.

An incident occurred recently when a personal vehicle crossed through a convoy of construction vehicles moving a large crane from one location to another. This type of large crane is typically used in construction areas, such as the Interdisciplinary Science Building and National Synchrotron Light Source II sites.

The crane itself extends out over the back of its base truck by many feet and is kept in position by cables. The convoy is hard to miss, and its purpose is similarly hard to misunderstand. When the cranes are moved from one location to another, they're lowered down the backs of their base trucks and then driven at a safe and slow speed in the convoy. The lead and follow trucks are equipped with flashing yellow lights to alert other drivers.

Some drivers of personal vehicles, maybe impatient



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with the slow progress of the convoys, are darting between the crane truck and its following vehicle, passing beneath the stowed crane, exposing themselves, the truck driver, and the riggers on board these convoy vehicles to great risk of a collision, with personal injury or death not a far-fetched outcome.

A photo re-creation (see above) of the latest incident was arranged by Manager of the Site Services Division Tom Lamberton. This scene demonstrates what happens when a driver, stopped at a four-way intersection, decides to "break" the convoy and dart below the crane. I asked Tom what his team reported about the incident.

"You almost can't believe someone would do such a thing," he told me. "It's so startling to the riggers involved,

they're so concerned with keeping the vehicle and the crane on course and away from danger, that they don't have time to take down the license plates of offenders. In this incident they were surprised by the behavior of the other driver and felt lucky there was no collision among any of the vehicles."

The riggers are always highly attentive, including when they move a large piece of equipment around a site like BNL. "All their safety rules are in play. Their 'safety antennae' are up, you could say. They look for people alongside the road, other vehicles, any obstacles in the way or difficult road conditions, overhead wires, and more," Tom explained.

Large trucks with payloads need a lot of time to maneuver and stop, even if they're going slowly. Still, their progress is not

so slow that other drivers can't wait for a convoy to pass or even follow behind for a stretch of road until they reach their destinations. We're not asking for drivers on site to wait for 20 minutes while a slow truck goes by — we're talking about maybe 20 seconds. Your patience will go a long way toward keeping yourself and others safe.

Tom has a very personal take on this:

"These riggers have taken the safety value we talk about here at BNL and made it their own personal value. Now I just need everyone else at the Lab to do the same. Make safety your personal value. The alternative is frightening to think about."

Safety

<http://intranet.bnl.gov/safety>

Employee Lunchtime Tour Today, 8/5

Visit BNL-Built System for Observing Atmospheric Particles

Mobile Aerosol Observing Systems built at BNL with DOE funds will soon be sent to the city of Lucknow, India, to help characterize the composition of aerosol particles in the atmosphere. Join the Employee Lunchtime Tour today, Friday, August 5, to visit these mobile lab research tools. Wear closed shoes and long pants to guard against ticks as the labs are situated in a field. The group will meet at noon at Berkner Hall lobby and return by 1 p.m. All the Lab community is welcome; no reservations are necessary.

Procurement Moves Off Site Temporarily

By Manager of Procurement & Property Management Don Rawlings and Assistant Laboratory Director for Facility & Operations Lanny Bates

Major renovations that are long overdue at the Chemistry and Physics buildings (Bldgs. 555 and 510) are scheduled to begin soon. As these renovations take place, however, there will be a temporary shortage of office space on site since those who normally work in those buildings will have to work elsewhere. Therefore, in August, the Procurement & Property Management Division's (PPM) Procurement group will give up its space in Bldg. 355 on Brookhaven Avenue and temporarily relocate to an off-site office building on William Floyd Parkway, just south of the Long Island Expressway.

Temporarily relocating staff off site has not been done before at the Lab, but it is very common at other labs across the DOE complex. The solution is not optimal, but Procurement is one of the groups that can relocate without significantly impacting operations. Given the current state of the commercial real estate market, we also secured a three-year lease at a very reasonable cost.

Some key factors that were considered before making this decision included Procurement's technology requirements, the total number of moves involved, size of the space being vacated, and proximity of the vacated space for the groups that will temporarily work from there.

PPM members have worked with the Facilities & Operations Directorate for several months to coordinate this move and make sure the transition will go as smoothly as possible — both for members of the Procurement group and the customers they support here on site.

Procurement's most critical technological requirement for day-to-day operations is access to PeopleSoft and other intranet services, so we have worked with the Business Services Division to ensure that web connections between the new space off site and the servers on site will be accessible and secure. In addition to email and telephones, members of the Procurement group also will communicate with customers on site, buyers, and contract specialists via video conferencing. Ten workspaces — five on site, five off site, all with intranet access, printing capabilities, and other office necessities — have also been set up for those needing a temporary workspace at either location.

Once Procurement is established in the new location, an "open house" will be held for key customers to tour the new facility, learn how operations will be conducted, and see that, geographically, Procurement is still only a few minutes away from customers on site. By phone, email, or video conferencing, it is even closer.

CALENDAR

Friday, 8/5

*Employee Lunchtime Tour

Noon. Berkner Hall lobby. The Lab community is invited to meet the group to be taken to visit BNL-built mobile aerosol observing systems and learn how they will be used in atmospheric research. The group will return to Berkner by 1 p.m. No reservations are needed. See left.

*Vending Machine Survey:

Last Day

All are asked to complete an online survey regarding service quality of vending machines on site. Please see <http://intranet.bnl.gov/NoviSurvey/n/vending.aspx>.

Sunday, 8/7

*Summer Sunday: Storm Hunters

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit the National Weather Service on site, watch a weather balloon launch at 3:30 p.m. Free, open to the public. Visitors of 16 and older must carry a photo ID. See p.2.

— WEEK OF 8/8 —

Sunday, 8/14

*Summer Sunday: Atom Smashing

10 a.m.-3 p.m. Visit the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider. Stump a physicist, and meet "Einstein Alive." Free and open to the public. Visitors of 16 and older must carry a photo ID. See p.2.

— WEEK OF 8/21 —

Wednesday, 8/24

BSA Noon Recital

Noon. Berkner Hall. Vocalist and Broadway star Melissa Errico will sing. Sponsored by Brookhaven Science Associates, the concert is free and open to the public. Visitors of 16 and older must carry a photo ID. See notice at left.

— WEEK OF 8/29 —

Monday, 8/29

IBEW Meeting

6 p.m. Centereach Knights of Columbus Hall, 41 Horseblock Rd., Centereach. A meeting for shift workers will be held at 3 p.m. in the union office. The agenda includes regular business, committee reports, and the president's report.

BERA Trips, Discounts

Get tickets at BERA Store, Berkner Hall, weekdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sat. 8/13. North Fork Beer/Food Festival, Martha Clara Vineyards. \$50 (normally \$60): a meal, beer tasting, live music, cooking seminars.

Tue. 9/6. US Open, Flushing. Men's Round/Women's Quarterfinal, \$70. Dep. 8:30 a.m.

Sat. 9/10. Cabela's, Hamburg, PA. \$20. Sports, outdoors shopping. Dep. 7 a.m.

Anyone for Golf? 8/8

The BERA Golf League invites all golfers to play in the 7th Annual Brookhaven Cup to be held Monday, August 8, at Pine Hills Country Club in Manorville. The cost to play in this fun competition is \$60 and includes greens fees, a golf cart, a bucket of balls and prizes. For more information, contact Jeff Williams, jwilliams@bnl.gov.

TIAA-CREF One-on-One Retirement Counseling

A TIAA-CREF consultant will visit BNL on August 18 and 23, and September 7, 8, 12, 19, and 27, to answer employees' questions about their financial matters. For an appointment, please call 1-800-732-8353 or go online at www.tiaa-cref.org/bnl and select "set up a meeting."

SCCC Course on Accounting Offered on Site

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) will offer the following course on site for the fall 2011 semester depending on enrollment. Fifteen students are needed to hold a course. Registration deadline is August 19, 2011.

Principles of Accounting I

Computerized enhanced instruction examines nature and purpose of accounting theory and procedures through study of accounting cycle, asset valuation and financial statements. Develops foundation of accounting knowledge for additional learning in subsequent courses. No prerequisite. 4 credits.

Employees who take college courses may apply for tuition assistance. BNL offers tuition advances or reimbursements at 75 percent for undergraduate courses. For more information, contact Starr Munson, munson@bnl.gov or Ext. 7631.

BSA Noon Recital, 8/24

Vocalist Melissa Errico to Perform

Vocalist and Broadway star Melissa Errico, fresh off an exciting summer playing opposite Jeremy Irons in *Camelot*, will perform a special concert on Wednesday, August 24, at noon in Berkner Hall. Sponsored by Brookhaven Science Associates, the concert is free and open to the public. All visitors to the Lab 16 and older must bring a photo I.D.

Tony nominee Errico will be accompanied by her father, pianist Michael Errico, in a program that includes classical musical theater songs by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, and Stephen Sondheim, as well as treasures by Michael Legrand from her upcoming recording *Legrand Affair* (produced by Phil Ramone, release date: October 18, 2011 on Ghostlight Records). Other songs will recall her starring roles in such Broadway musicals as *Les Miserables* and *My Fair Lady*.

Errico's additional Broadway credits include *Anna Karenina*, *High Society*, and Michel Legrand's *Amour* and *Dracula*. In the 2009-2010 New York theater season, Errico made a trium-



phant return to Broadway (since having three daughters, all now under age five) and starred in the Rosemary Clooney role in *White Christmas* followed by an acclaimed performance in the title role in George Bernard Shaw's *Candida*, in which she was called "gorgeous...a delight to behold" (*New York Times*). The role earned her a fifth Drama Desk nomination and was filmed for Lincoln Center. She went on to star in the film *Patrimony* opposite Robert Vaughn, which premiered at the Boston Film Festival in March 2011. She played Fiona in *Brigadoon* for one night on Broadway in June 2010, in an allstar benefit concert *The New York Times* called "exquisite" and "beautifully sung."